



Message from the State Librarian

This June saw a number of changes for State Library. On the positive side, we and our colleagues at Department of Administrative Services worked hard to see progress on facilities issues experienced at our Columbus location. As we continue to plan for tomorrow, we ensure that the rare materials key to our state's past and future are kept safe.

Along with the rest of the OhioLINK consortium, a network of participating academic, medical and special libraries, State Library migrated to a new software platform called Alma. I look forward to seeing the possibilities that exist with this suite of resources.

The end of June also marks the end of the state fiscal year for our state. While there are many challenges ahead, I take solace in our excellent and knowledgeable staff and our collective ability to face any challenge .



**Ohio Senator Andrew Brenner,
State Librarian Knapp and
Director of Operations Burley**

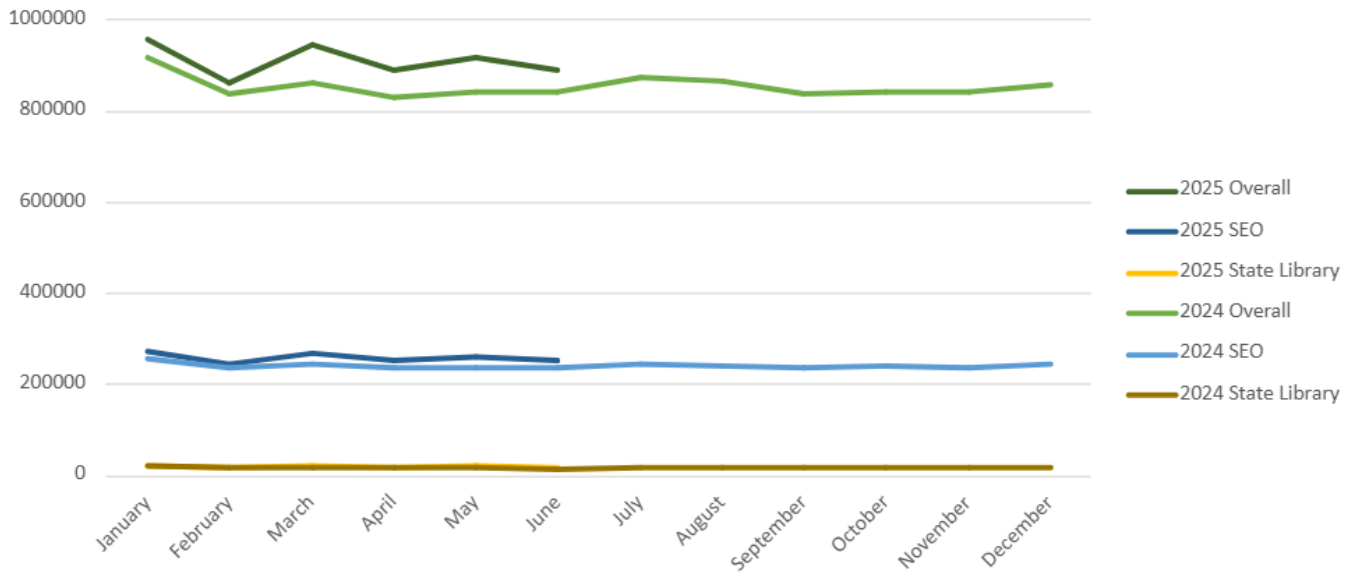
Highlights

- ◆ On June 9, State Librarian Mandy Knapp and Director of Operations Ryan Burley met with Ohio Senator Andrew Brenner. Senator Brenner was very interested in the rare materials staff pulled for him, and took a keen interest in facilities issues.
- ◆ On June 13, Mandy attended the Grand Opening of the reimagined Glenville Campus of the Cleveland Public Library.
- ◆ In June Mandy had many Listening Tour visits. This included: Meg Brown of Thurber House, OhioNet Director Katy Mathuews, Director of INFOhio Erica Clay, Ohioana staff, Ohio Center for the Book staff, Coshocton Public Library Director Jennifer Austin, Homer Public Library Director Amie Hatfield, retired librarian Susan Yutzey, Columbus Metropolitan Library staff, Worthington Public Library staff, Upper Arlington Public Library staff, and Mechanicsburg Public Library Director Rebecca Wilden.

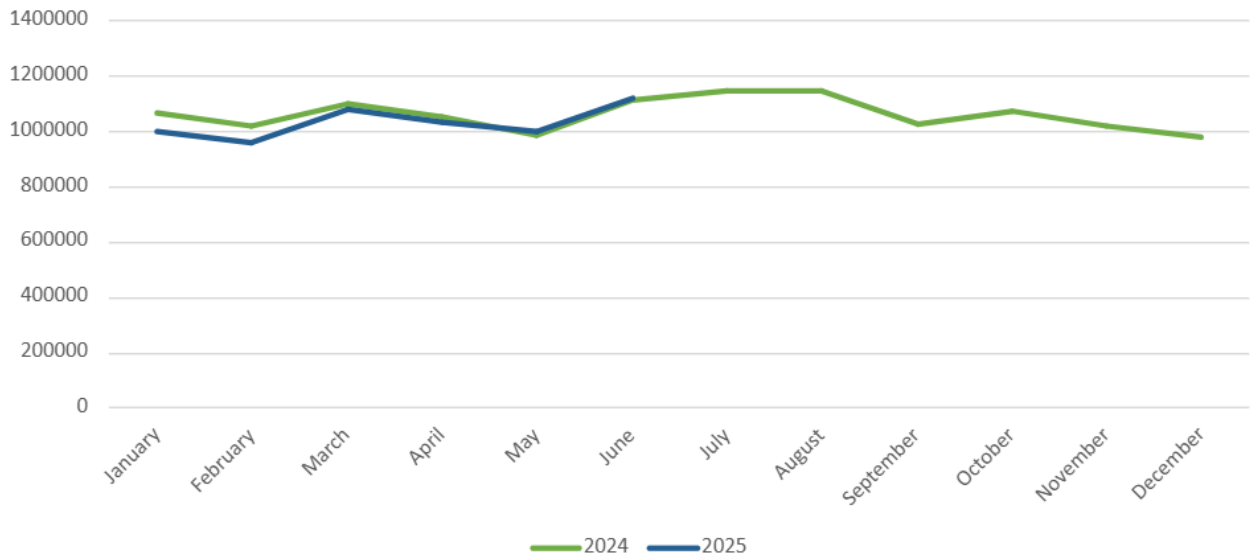


**Homer Public Library Director Amie Hatfield
and State Librarian Mandy Knapp**

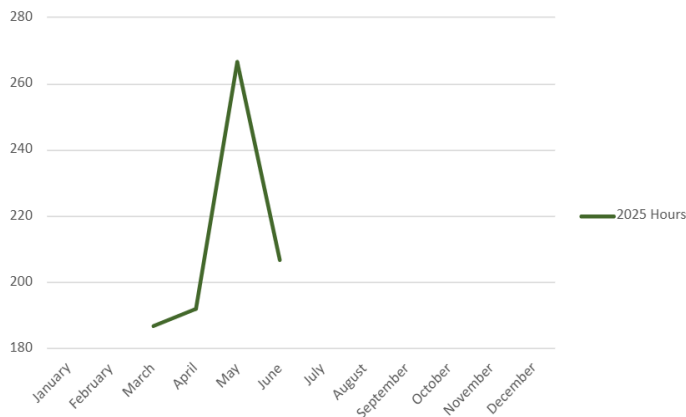
Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



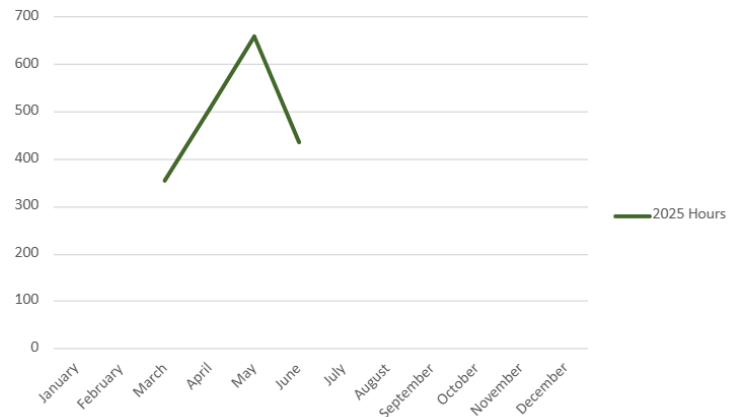
SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



State Library Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



Library Services—June 2025



Bexley Library Collaboration

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On June 20 we welcomed a group of 20 patrons from the Bexley Public Library to the State Library of Ohio and gave them a tour of our facility. We collaborated with the Bexley Public Libraries' Adult Services Department to arrange this experience for Bexley patrons.

The group was very excited to see our rare, one of a kind materials and to learn about the history of our building.



Department of Homeland Security Partnership

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In June we collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Citizenship, Partnership and Engagement to create a display of their publications that help explain the legal path of citizenship to the public.

Meeting with Senator Brenner

On June 9, Senator Andrew Brenner (District 19-R) visited our location. We gave Senator Brenner a tour of our facility and showed him many of historic documents and manuscripts.

In June we received this kind message from the family of a Talking Book Program user:

"Hi! We are sad to say we lost Jo. But must tell all of you how much she enjoyed these tapes. Thank you for the endless hours of fun! She loved your services so much! Thanks 1,000,000."

In June 2025 we provided over 200 Talking Book machines, Braille E-readers and other NLS supplies to Ohioans.

"Thank you so much for your tour of the Rare Book Collection and for pulling those volumes. It was wonderful to realize that this resource is right in my backyard!"

Professor Ambre Emory-Maier, Kent State University

OhioLINK LSP migration

The State Library of Ohio successfully migrated to the new OhioLINK LSP June 23, 2025!

This migration was a huge undertaking that took several years of work and thousands of hours of staff time in preparation for this new system.

On June 25 we unveiled our new customer facing catalog which provides our users with a much improved interface and better searching capabilities.

Work with Department of Administrative Services

In June we worked with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to tour a number of possible new facilities for the State Library including the old Lazarus building. We also worked with DAS to set up weekly meetings with CITYSPACE/JDS leadership to discuss our current facility's maintenance needs.

Library Programs & Development—June 2025



(left) A young library patron paints a flower pot for older adults in the community as part of Tipp City Public Library's "Kindness Blooms" LSTA grant-supported summer library program. (right) Library Consultants Katy Hite, Penelope Shumaker, and Jeff Regensburger, along with Adult Services Librarian Karla Schlageck, (l-r) inspect the historic *Oakwood Village Record* on display at the Wright Memorial Library, which was part of an LSTA grant-supported preservation project.

Ohio Ready to Read

Early Literacy 101 is a free, full-day (6 contact hour) hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. Participants learn how brain development impacts how young children learn; discover effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities; and explore how storytime supports early literacy.

Registration is open for Early Literacy 101 workshops in [Steubenville on August 20](#) and [Medina on September 22](#). Registration will open in August for workshops in Powell and Circleville taking place in November. Additional workshops will be announced this fall. [Learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.](#)

Ohio Ready to Read is a partnership initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio that helps librarians and library workers to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy.

Summer Library Program

The [2025 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey is now open](#). All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey after your summer program ends. Your response helps ensure high-quality resources and support for future SLPs, and documents the value and impact of summer programs at Ohio libraries. Find the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2025.

LPD Staff On the Road

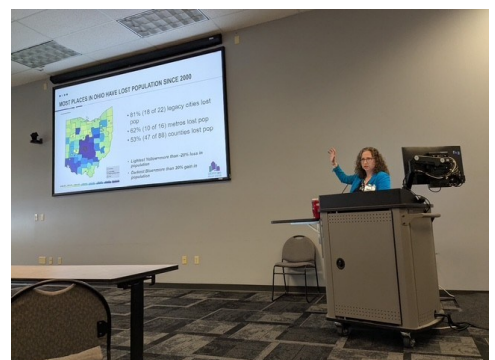
Library Consultants **Jeff Regensburger**, **Penelope Shumaker**, and **Katy Hite** visited Tipp City Public Library and Wright Memorial Public Library. Tipp City Public Library shared information about their "Kindness Blooms @ Your Library" program. This program, funded with Summer Library Program LSTA grant money, used the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme, "Color Your World" to support community members in the creation of customized flower pots for older adults. Wright Memorial Public Library used Conservation and Preservation LSTA grant funds to conserve eight issues of the *Oakwood Village Record*, Oakwood's first newspaper. This was a monthly periodical that ran from June 1912 until October 1913. (See inset photos, left.)

As part of the strategic planning process, library consultants **Jeff Laser** and **Katy Hite** led on-site workshops for both the staff and board of the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library. Through these interactive workshops, library consultants gain insight as to what staff value about working at the library and what aspirations the board has for the future of the library. This feedback informs recommendations for goals and objectives as part of the future strategic plan.

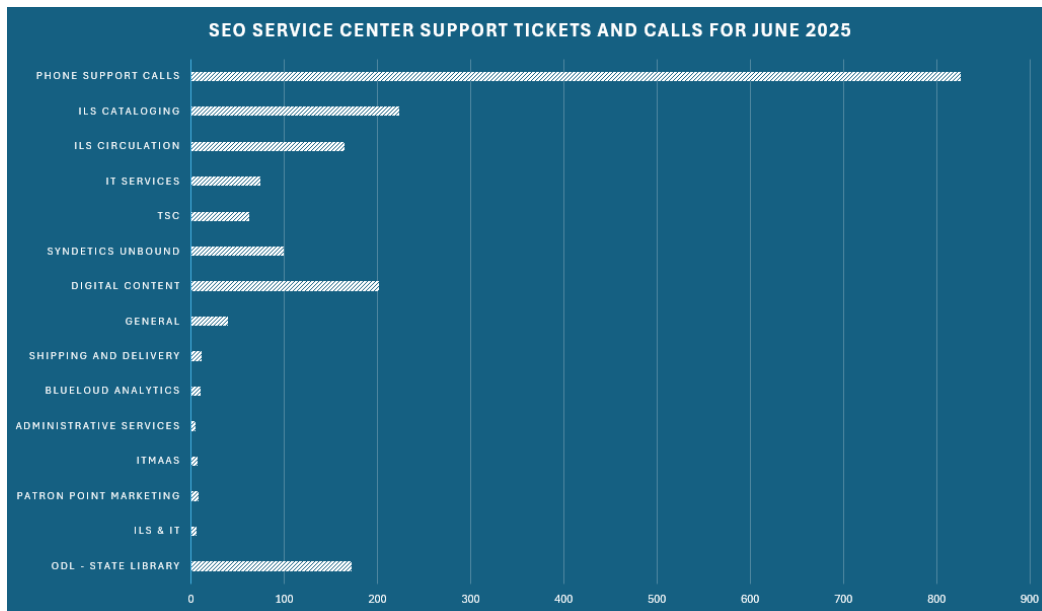
Library Consultant **Katy Hite** presented "All Things Library of Things," a look at libraries circulating non-traditional items, at OLC's Unconventional to Conventional Conference in Dublin.

On June 9, the first-ever [Cultural Heritage and Ohio Summit \(CHaOS\)](#) was held at the State Library, with more than 25 in attendance representing various agencies, organizations, volunteer groups, and non-profits that work to support cultural heritage initiatives in Ohio. Led by keynote speaker Alison Goebel, Executive Director of the Greater Ohio Policy Center (*pictured, right*), the Summit

was an opportunity for these various groups to exchange ideas and coordinate plans for collaboration going forward. Associate State Librarian **Evan Struble** welcomed the attendees and led the "talk table" activity, and Library Consultant **Penelope Shumaker** handled the reporting out/wrap-up activity.



SEO Service Center—June 2025



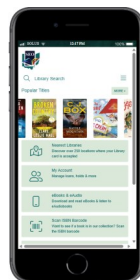
The SEO Service Center team answered over 1,900 tickets and customer calls during the month of June.

Key service highlights include:

- **Visits** were made to 2 member libraries.
- SEO Newsletter Engagement—648
- SEO DigiHub—2 training sessions, 754 digital scans, 9 hours
- Patron Point Marketing training provided to 3 member libraries

For the past 30 days, the Consortium experienced significant activity:

- Over 1.1 million items were circulated.
- 9,423 new users were created.
- 177,529 holds were created and 179,846 holds were filled.
- 555 interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- 1,086 support tickets were created, with 12 relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats

	2024	2025	% Change
New Devices	3,237	2,146	-34% ↓
Holds Placed	27,605	31,946	16% ↑
App Launched	76,444	90,464	18% ↑
Searches	81,236	92,344	14% ↑

Niche Academy usage showed:

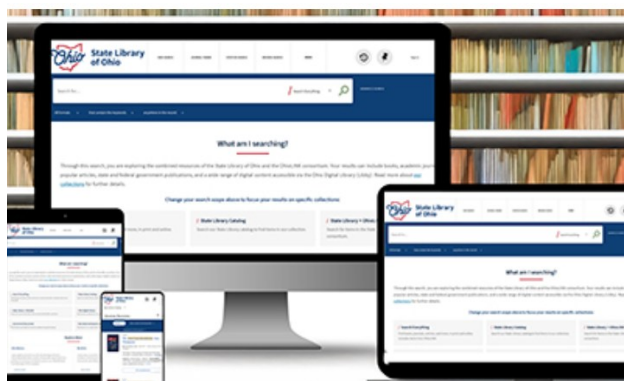
- Strong engagement with **staff tutorials** (1,264 views) and the **online catalog tutorial** (1,480 views)
- Lower engagement with the **Technical Services Committee** (1 view) and **ASL Storytime** (1 view) tutorials



Patron Point

Patron Point Marketing e-mails showed:

- Heavy use in **Announcement and Newsletters** being sent (325,461 emails)
- Medium use in **Birthday/Anniversary** campaigns (2,928 emails)
- Light use of **Winback** (152 emails) and **Coming of Age** (1613 emails) campaigns



New Library Services Platform Launch

June 19, 2025: On Wednesday, June 25, the State Library of Ohio will go live with a new library services platform, complete with an improved catalog and a notable update to how library accounts are accessed. Users will no longer utilize State Library card barcode numbers to access their accounts and borrow items.

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